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OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC Attorney Docket No.: 119149 P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320 Date: March 19, 2004 Telephone: (703) 836-6400 Facsimile: (703) 836-2787 MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION Customer Number: 25944 NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITT **RULE §1.53(b)** Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application For (Title): IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD Mari KODAMA, Kazunori KUROKAWA, Seiji IINO By (Inventors): \boxtimes Formal drawings (Figs. 1-31; 30 sheets) are attached. Use Figure _ for front page of Publication. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith. _ filed This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. _ (A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.) This patent application is assigned to <u>FUJI XEROX CO., LTD</u>. The executed Assignment is filed herewith. An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted. A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith. Priority of foreign application No. 2003-077022 filed March 20, 2003 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119). A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing. X The filing fee is calculated below:

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